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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH CODEL DESIRES. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED SEVEN DOUBLES AT HILTON IN LIEU OF FIVE DOUBLES AND FOUR SINGLES. CHECK-IN TIME FOR ALL HOTELS IS 1200 HOURS. IF CODEL WISHES TO CHECK IN BEFORE THAT TIME ON JULY 6 IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PAY FOR HOTEL ROOMS NIGHT OF JULY 5/6. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE NOON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO OR SPENDING FIRST NIGHT IN EUROPE AND ARRIVING CAIRO IN TIME FOR LATE AFTERNOON BRIEFING. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. TWO CONSIDERATIONS, TENTATIVE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ON JULY 7 (CAIRO 9978 WHICH CROSSED WITH REFTEL) AND SUMMER HEAT IN UPPER EGYPT PROMPT US TO SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
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2000-BRIEFING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

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THURSDAY, JULY 7
0800-DEPART CAIRO FOR ALEXANDRIA BY CAR.
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1400-MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND FONMIN FAHMY AND/OR PRIMIN SALIM. (TIMES NOT YET FIXED.)
1430-LUNCH
1600-DEPART ALEXANDRIA

1900-ARRIVE CAIRO.

2000-INFORMAL DINNERS AT HOMES OF EMBASSY OFFICERS.

WE ARE SEEKING OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA SUCH AS USE OF CODEL AIRCRAFT LANDING AT JAINACLIS, 50 MILES SOUTH OF ALEXANDRIA. IN FACT THIS WOULD SAVE LITTLE TIME SINCE IT WOULD NECESSITATE CAR TRIPS TO AND FROM HOTEL TO CAIRO AIRPORT (APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES EACH WAY) UNLESS WE ARE ALSO ABLE TO ARRANGE USE OF HELICOPTERS FROM JIANACLIS TO PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE EAST OF ALEXANDRIA. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE EXPRESS TRAIN WHICH TAKES TWO-AND-ONE-HALF HOURS AND STOPS WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE AND DEPARTS CAIRO 0800. TRAIN IS AIRCONDITIONED AND COMFORTABLE AND WOULD GIVE CODEL OPPORTUNITY TO GO THROUGH HEART OF DELTA. RETURN COULD BE EITHER BY TRAIN OR DESERT ROAD (3-1/2 HOURS).

FRIDAY, JULY 8

0800-DEPART HOTEL FOR SUEZ. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, VISIT TO SUEZ RECONSTRUCTION SITES AND BOAT RIDE ON CANAL CAN BE ARRANGED.

1200-DEPART SUEZ.

1400-ARRIVE CAIRO AIRPORT. (SEPARATE PROGRAM WILL BE ARRANGED FOR WIVES. THEY WILL THEN MEET WITH CODEL AT AIRPORT.)

1430-DEPART CAIRO (LUNCH ON AIRCRAFT)

1530-ARRIVE LUXOR. OVERNIGHT IN LUXOR.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

1030-DEPART LUXOR FOR DAMASCUS.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR OVERNIGHT IN LUXOR IS RESULT OF PROPOSED JULY 7 MEETING WITH SADAT AND THEREFORE NECESSITY TO VISIT SUEZ CANAL ON JULY 8. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT MIDDAY TEMPERATURES IN LUXOR IN JULY RANGE FROM 100-120 DEGREES FARENHEIT AND NOT EVEN GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE AT MIDDAY FOR WEST BANK VALLEYS OF KINGS, QUEENS, ETC). PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE WILL ENABLE CODEL TO VISIT TOOMBS AND TEMPLES IN LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY MORNING WHEN HEAT IS AT LEAST BEARABLE. DIRECT DEPARTURE FROM LUXOR TO DAMASCUS ALSO WILL SAVE TIME. PLEASE ADVISE IF CODEL AGREEABLE.

3. NORMAL EMBASSY PRACTICE IS TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR LEADER OF CODEL AND RENT VEHICLES FOR REMAINDER SINCE EMBASSY MOTOR POOL IS TOO SMALL TO SUPPORT LARGE GROUPS. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO USE 19FT510 FUNDS FOR CAR RENTALS. RECOMMEND AIR CONDITIONED SEDANS FOR EACH CONGRESSMAN AND WIFE PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL FOR ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS, MAKING TOTAL OF FIVE RENTALS. EACH CAR RENTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 POUNDS PER 24-HOUR

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